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photo by Staff Sgt. Kate Rust

Will Williams, Facilities Excellence Inspection team member, gets a closer look at the ventilation ducts in the Operations Support Facility at Schriever Air Force Base. The inspection took place July 31-Aug. 2, and winners will be announced late October or early November.

Inspection team visits Schriever

Staff Sgt. KATE RUST
50th SPACE WING Public Affairs

The Air Force Space Command Facilities Excellence team visited Schriever Air Force Base July 31-Aug. 2. While results will not be posted until late October or early November, the indications are good.

During the outbrief Aug. 2, Col. Richard Parker, Headquarters, AFSPC Facilities Excellence Inspection team leader, commented that, overall, he was very impressed with Schriever.

The base fitness center and fire department in particular were cited for renovations and effective use of space. Parker said the team also found

Schriever had a "good handle on communications and civil engineering."

"We went through many buildings and found no problems at all," he said. But the base does need some work.

"This base is starting to age," Parker cautioned, "and you're looking at having more maintenance as time goes on. These are things to start planning for now."

An important note by the team is that the base projected a quality of "secured area" and suggested more personalization of workspaces and hallways, and reworking some of the landscaping to make it "more campus-like."

According to the 50th Space Wing Handbook 32-164, the

AFSPC Facilities Excellence program has two main purposes:

"First, it provides efficient, fully functional facilities that support our mission and represent a wise investment of public funds. This involves quality planning, design, construction, maintenance and repair of our facilities and infrastructure to assure mission requirements are fully met at the lowest life-cycle cost.

"Second, it assures the optimum use of existing facilities."

Bottom line: Do the buildings suit the mission? Are we environmentally friendly? Are we striving for excellence in terms of improvement, thriftiness and pride?

The primary means to mea-

sure this is to utilize the Facilities Excellence Recognition program. It recognizes, every two years, the best-maintained facilities within the command.

To find out who's at the top, AFSPC sends out a team to inspect all the bases in the command. Inspection criteria includes facilities, landscape design and execution, furnishings, décor, maintenance, equipment, initiative and planning. They look at the state of maintenance and repair rather than the age of equipment or facilities. They also pay particular attention to initiative and pride that reflect "apparent enthusiasm and degree of involvement in the Facilities Excellence Program."

COMMENTARY

GPS tactics coming to a theater near you

Lt. Col. DAN JORDAN
2nd Space Operations Squadron
COMMANDER

There has been a lot of attention placed recently on the integration of air and space, as well as space integration with land and sea forces. Since Desert Storm, theater commanders have become more and more reliant on space forces to get the job done. From tactical communication, tactical missile warning, space-based weather data, multi-spectral imagery to navigation data, warfighters in the field expect our space products to be there when they need them. While we have made great strides, we have a long way to go to reach space's true potential.

As space professionals, we must widen our perspective. We must be more than just experts in our respective weapon systems – we must understand how our weapon systems are used “in the

fight.” It's not enough to know emergency procedures and be an expert in your spacecraft's subsystems. We must also understand how the pilot in the cockpit uses Milstar to get his air tasking order and how a precision guided munition uses the global positioning system to reach its target. Only when we make this effort will we close the gap between theater and space warfighters.

What can you do to help integrate space into the fight? One way you can make a difference is through the use of a Tactic Improvement Proposal or TIP. The purpose of the TIP is to allow airmen at all levels to introduce new and innovative ways to employ your weapon system. In other words, the TIP is your avenue to bring space more actively to the fight. The TIP is a very straightforward process. Anyone in the wing can submit a TIP to the 50th Operations Support Squadron Weapons and Tactics Flight for consideration. Once you submit your TIP, it is

reviewed and evaluated at several levels before reaching the Air Force Space Command Tactics Review Board. One of the best aspects of the TIP is no one can stop a TIP from meeting the AFSPC TRB. Every echelon has the opportunity to evaluate and comment on the TIP, but it must be presented to the next higher echelon until it meets the AFSPC TRB. In this way, creativity is not stifled and every operator has the opportunity to provide input on how to best employ their weapon system. Once the TIP is approved and validated, it becomes an official tactic, technique or procedure.

Thanks to the leadership and initiative of sharp space operators in 2nd SOPS and the assistance of the OSS Tactics Flight, we were recently successful in getting a TIP reviewed by the wing and forwarded to 14th Air Force. The objective of this TIP is to provide warfighters with increased assurance of navigation and timing accuracy for critical

missions. We have named this tactic GPS Enhanced Theater Support, or GETS for short. The 2nd SOPS provides optimum levels of navigation and timing signal integrity for all GPS users on a global basis. However, in any given region at any given time, the navigation performance can vary greatly. The 2nd SOPS, with the help of the GPS Support Center, has the capability to ensure the most consistent GPS performance in a localized region. By performing additional navigation uploads to GPS satellites in view of a specific region, we can minimize errors related to navigation message aging. While there is no guarantee 2nd SOPS can improve accuracy over any region, an enhanced level of mission integrity and assurance can be attained.

During normal operations, each GPS satellite is uploaded with new navigation data once every 24 hours. Navigation and timing performance degrades over this 24-hour period. If per-

formance degrades to an unacceptable level, an extra navigation upload is performed. However, theater planners could be using satellites with old navigation messages that are within limits for normal operations but unacceptable for critical mission objectives. By establishing a relationship with theater warfighters, they can notify 2nd SOPS of critical missions. We can then perform extra navigation uploads to the satellites in view of that mission. This ensures the best possible navigation signal is available to the warfighter for a specific place and time.

If approved by 14th Air Force, GETS will be sent forward to the Combat Air Forces for implementation. This is just one example where the 50th Space Wing is smartly moving to integrate space with air operations. I encourage you to learn how your weapon system is used “in the fight” and to use the TIP process to take it to the next level.

Retention: what we can do to make a difference

Maj. EDWARD KRAMER
49th Transportation Squadron COMMANDER

HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, N.M. (AFPN) – Air Force retention issues are a familiar topic in the media. Rates are monitored as high-interest items throughout the Air Force. Too often, however, we look toward our Air Force staff agencies and congressional leaders to improve our retention rates.

Although our pay, benefits, entitlements and policies are developed and approved by higher headquarters and Congress, many retention issues can be actively addressed at the wing, group and squadron level. What are you doing to contribute? What can you do at your base to make a difference?

Retention Step #1: Assess how we're doing.

Our Air Force has historically aimed for first term reenlistment rates of 55 percent, second term reenlistment rates around 75 percent and career reenlistments around 90 percent. Sadly, we're usually lacking the same data, and in some cases, the same interest, at base, group and squadron level. What are the reenlistment rates for your Air Force specialty code, work center, flight, squadron, or group?

In 2001, hundreds of people at your base are scheduled to make important career decisions regarding reenlistment. Every one of those people will choose to extend, separate, or reenlist. Those decisions for 2001 are being formed today. Many people say they make their career decisions 12 to 18 months before their separation date. People around you are forming critical career decisions today, this summer, this year. Do you know who they are in your work center, flight or squadron?

Retention Step #2: Provide career advice and information.

“Let’s get involved early and show our interest! Retention is our future. Let’s recognize we can and should be part of the solution. We can make a difference today.”

Maj. Edward Kramer
49th Transportation Squadrom commander

Once we've identified our people who are approaching career decisions, what should be our most important retention goal? Is it to achieve a certain percentage of reenlistments? Of course not! Our top retention goal should be to simply provide all of our people, especially the ones scheduled to separate next year, with the information they need to make informed career decisions.

Timely, accurate career information is critical. The goal should focus on ensuring our people make their career decisions with the active assistance of their supervisors and career advisors. It sounds simple. Yet we continue to fall short in this area.

Who are career advisors? We all are. All supervisors, from the most recent Airman Leadership School graduate to our chief master sergeants, from lieutenants to generals, are career advisors. Yes, we can and should designate focal points at flight, squadron, group and wing level to help with career information. But one of the reasons we have fallen short is our failure to recognize our responsibilities – we are all career advisors.

Here's a typical, possibly familiar, scenario. A coworker is a year out from his date of separation. He makes his career decision with family and friends at home, on leave, on the telephone or around the dining room table. As the decision is solidifying we informally hear the news, “I heard he's getting out.” The supervisor assumes his mind is made up and doesn't discuss career options with his subordinate. Or if he does it's too late, and the subordinate asks himself, “Where was his interest while my decision was being made?”

Are we providing as much accurate, timely information as we can? Were individuals separating this month ever provided complete, accurate information on the myriad of issues facing them, including reenlistment bonuses, career job reservations, promotions, extensions, pay and benefits, retraining or career progression, and quality-of-life considerations? There are no magical career advisors who have all the answers or information. When faced with difficult questions, the best career advisors and supervisors will simply say, “I don't know, but I'll find out.”

Everyone must make his or her own decisions. These decisions should be fully respected and supported, whatever they may be. But we've failed if we don't initiate career discussions and provide information. Retention rates, whether they are nine or 90 percent, become secondary issues if we haven't expressed this fundamental interest.

Let's not wait to be told what career decisions have been made after the fact. Let's think well ahead of that 12- to 18-month date of separation. Let's not allow our people to make their decisions based only on dining room table discussions.

Let's get involved early and show our interest! Retention is our future. Let's recognize we can and should be part of the solution. We can make a difference today.

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Where our money comes from

Congress dictates how taxpayers’ money is spent to ensure 50th Space Wing runs like \$175 million business

Q: Just a few thoughts on funding. I’m definitely in the dark on how money is allocated at Schriever Air Force Base, but I know there are different piles (of money) for different things. My concern is operations funding. The operations squadrons have some operational equipment they need. However, they are way down on the unfunded list.

How can Schriever spend tens of thousands, if not hundreds of thousands, on new parking lot surfacing and landscaping when there is a need for operational equipment that may not be purchased for another year?

Operations should come before nice-to-haves. I wish there were some way to reallocate money where it is really needed.

A: Did you know the 50th Space Wing is a \$175 million business with units all around the world? Before you start thinking about all the things you can buy with that much money, you need to first understand how the Air Force determines how much money is needed to pay the wing’s bills and how the wing then divies up the cash among the different units.

The Duchess of Windsor was once quoted as saying, “You can

never be too rich.” This applies to the 50th SW as much as it applies to the average active-duty member, civil servant or contract employee. There is never enough money to buy everything or meet everyone’s needs. As we approach the end of the fiscal year, the wing has an \$8.6 million shopping list of equipment and other needs that we cannot afford.

In order to ensure the most important needs are taken care of, the Air Force uses a committee system. At Schriever, we have two committees. One is composed of deputy group commanders and is chaired by the chief of financial analysis (formerly the budget officer). Group commanders comprise the other committee, which is chaired by the wing commander or the vice-commander on his behalf.

These committees receive inputs from all the organizations in the wing on what they need to buy and the impact if they don’t get the funding they request. The committees weigh all the inputs and select those that have the most impact on the wing.

Anything that cannot be funded goes on that large shopping list mentioned previously. The most important unfunded items are sent forward to Headquarters Air Force Space Command, where they compete against other bases within the com-

mand for funding.

In addition to the wing budget, other pots of money pay bills for the wing. For instance, minor construction, like the ongoing parking lot resurfacing, is paid for by HQ/AFSPC. New facilities are paid for with Military Construction and Base Realignment and Closure funding. As a rule, MILCON is generally used to pay for construction that costs more than \$5K. However, as with many government programs, there are exceptions.

When dealing with taxpayers’ money, Congress dictates how the money is used and mandates a certain level of spending to ensure base infrastructure is kept up.

Although we receive and spend a great deal of the taxpayers’ money on the daily operations of the wing, there will always be new requirements. It is a tough balancing act—operations, base infrastructure and support, and quality of life programs all contribute to the successful execution of the mission. Even if we wanted to concentrate our resources behind one program, Congressional oversight would prevent it.

If you have other questions or concerns, please call Keith Holt, Financial Analysis, at Ext. 7-5103.

Commander’s Hotline Ext. 7-2255



The Commander’s Hotline is your direct link to Col. Richard Webber, 50th Space Wing commander, to ask a question, make a comment or register a complaint. Everyone’s concern for making Schriever Air Force Base a quality place to work

is appreciated.

If you wish to receive an answer to your hotline, please leave your name and phone number.

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Following are three different avenues for you to access the Commander’s Hotline:

- ❑ 50th SW Public Affairs answering machine at Ext. 7-2255;
- ❑ LAN - Commander’s Gram Hotline; and
- ❑ Commander's Gram Suggestion Box with forms located outside the Satellite Dish Dining Facility.

When you access the Commander’s Hotline by one of the above means, leave your name, rank, duty section, phone number and question, comment or concern. You will receive an answer to your question soon.

MILITARY MATTERS

Air Force medical service prepares response to future threats

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BOLLING AIR FORCE BASE, D.C. (AFPN) – Twenty-first century threats against the United States are taking on new and dangerous faces. That is why the Air Force Medical Service is taking steps to ensure its people and technology are ready to respond to the changing environment.

Brig. Gen. Richard Ford, mobilization assistant to the commander of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency, describes today’s threats as acts of terrorism designed to disrupt everyday life by creating fear, hysteria, and quite possibly, death and injury. Unlike traditional warfare, the goal of terrorist groups may not be to overthrow a government or break the will of enemy forces. More often, U.S. civilians are the targets of such threats rather than those serving in uniform, Ford said.

Recent examples can be found daily in the news media. Threats range from an unauthorized man leaving pipe bombs at a Milwaukee Air National Guard base in July to the orchestrated bombing of the Oklahoma City federal building in 1995.

“Today the enemy is not a major national or state force,” Ford said. “It’s one or two people representing one of a number of causes.”

With so few people involved, many of these activities are hard to predict and even harder to prevent. Therefore, many local, state and national authorities are focusing

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mobilization assistant to the commander of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency

their efforts on responding to these types of threats.

In 1999 the Joint Task Force-Civil Support was established under the U.S. Joint Forces Command. The group works through and in support of lead federal agencies in responding to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction. For the AFMS, said Ford, “it means asking what can we do to save lives and prevent further injury if and when we are called on to assist.”

According to Lt. Col. Darr Lafon, Surgeon’s Tactical Action Team, the AFMS is re-engineering its readiness activities to include deployable teams that can respond quickly to disaster situations and still offer wartime response capabilities. These teams, including the Small Portable Expeditionary Aeromedical Rapid Response team will lead the AFMS response against the world’s new and uncertain threats.

The SPEARR was developed to be compatible with the Expeditionary Medical Support system and has been

specifically designed for rapid response in global engagement missions with joint and coalition forces.

“The EMEDS family of medical readiness platforms answers the requirement for a lightweight, agile system,” Lafon said. “It gives us the capability to be light, lean and lifesaving in response to any situation.”

When small-scale disasters occur at the local level, authorities such as fire, police and emergency services respond well especially when few injuries are involved, said Ford. However, single incidents involving more than 50 people can quickly overwhelm local authorities. At this level, state agencies will assist as governors call on their National Guard bureau for military assistance, which was the case in the Oklahoma City bombing. Like most local responses, Ford said state-level responses have been successful in dealing with past threats.

Ford’s concern lies in a catastrophic event, such as a bio-terrorist attack, too large in scope for local or state authorities

to control.

“We know the bio-terrorism technology is out there, we know there are people working with this technology, and they have tried it in the past,” Ford said. “There have been well over 100 bio-terrorist attempts worldwide in the last 10 years.”

There are 40 agencies in the United States, including the Defense Department, having some level of responsibility when a large-scale terrorist attack occurs. The military has routinely been responsible for command and control of the disaster response, under civilian-led responses. But today, many Air Force medical leaders believe they will be called on to support local and state agencies responding to large-scale national disasters.

“We have modular packages of medical response that we can deploy quickly and efficiently and that fit into the federal coordination process very well,” Ford said.

On the international front, Ford envisions these new medical technologies, accompanied by specially trained professionals, will assist foreign nations in responding to terrorist incidents and humanitarian relief operations.

“Building goodwill and relationships among nations is essential,” Ford said. “We have a wonderful opportunity to potentially deter conflict through medicine.”

Under the direction of the surgeon general’s Tactical Action Team, the new International Health Specialist program

see FUTURE on page 10.

Online support center helps ARPC customers

Maj. Bud Bromley
Air Reserve Personnel Center

DENVER (AFPN) – The Air Reserve Personnel Center here receives more than 44,000 calls a month from Air Force reservists and Air National Guard members asking questions or seeking information about their careers or personnel records. To provide these people with the highest level of service while improving operations, the center has turned to Internet technology to establish a new customer support center.

The ARPC first posted information on a 12-page web site in May 1995. The site has grown over the years and today features 1,100 pages of information, according to Col. Laura Counts, ARPC commander.

“The web site affords customers the opportunity to monitor and control their own career anywhere around the world 24 hours a day, seven days a week,” Counts said. “Though web site progress has exceeded expectations, improvements and upgrades continue daily for the benefit of reservists worldwide.”

While the web site provides customers with general information, it isn’t a practical medium when it comes to addressing specific individual needs. To do that, customer support agents are able to access an extract of data from the Personnel Data System for each current member of the Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve. In addition, agents also have immediate access to detailed personnel data.

In an effort to determine peo-

ple’s needs, the customer support center allows ARPC to track the nature of calls received to gather information for assessing future improvement areas.

The customer support center began logging and tracking incoming calls in February. Calls are logged and, if the question can’t be answered immediately, it is forwarded to the appropriate office for action. Once the query is resolved, the customer receives a response, and the call is closed out in the system.

The call tracking system also includes a knowledge database allowing customer support agents to use “frequently asked questions.” The current FAQ database contains more than 250 questions and answers, and the database will continue to grow as data is gathered.

“The goal is to let the customer support center agents answer the common questions without having to transfer the customer to another office,” said Rose Weinrich, ARPC’s director of customer assistance.

“We understand there will still be instances where the only people who can answer a particular question are the experts in the functional area, but our goal is to minimize those transfers,” Weinrich said.

Using the call tracking system data, ARPC officials have already determined 50 percent of calls received are requests for documents. They are exploring ways to simplify and automate document requests.

The online customer support database allows customers to get answers to common questions using a computer. The database

has a search capability for convenience, and visitors to the site can send in questions via e-mail if they can’t find the information they’re looking for. ARPC officials said this new feature receives an average of 223 “hits” and eight questions a day.

The center will also integrate the phone system into the customer support center agents’ computers. When this occurs, customers will be required to enter their social security number so the agent answering the call will already be viewing their personal data.

Center officials will soon offer more enhancements to the web site, such as a “chat” capability with agents and a feature that will send a message to ARPC requesting phone calls from agents.

NEWS NOTES

Use of travel card mandatory for airline tickets

All travelers should be familiar with the fact all temporary duty expenses must be charged to the government travel card.

Beginning Tuesday, all individuals, including military and civil service, will be required to use the government travel card to purchase airline tickets for official travel.

All tickets for official travel must be purchased at the commercial ticket office, Bldg. 300, Rm. 141.

Individuals will continue to process travel orders in the usual manner, only the method of payment will change. You will only need to present your travel card once. After that, issued tickets will automatically be charged to your government travel card. For those without a travel card, issued tickets will be charged to the wing’s centrally-billed account, but access to this account will be limited to those with special circumstances.

What does this mean for you, the traveler? Once your TDY is complete and you prepare your travel voucher, you need to claim the cost of the airline ticket as well as

a \$5.75 administration fee in Block 16 of the travel voucher. The cost of the ticket can be found on the paperwork the CTO provides with the ticket.

When the travel voucher is filed with finance, travelers have the option of having some or all of their reimbursement sent directly to the Bank of America via split disbursement. Split disbursement eliminates the need to write a check and mail it and can dramatically reduce the chance of a delinquent account.

For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Kelly Papineau at Ext. 7-2009.

Delayed pay posted

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials said Aug. 1 pay deposits have been posted by those financial institutions which experienced problems earlier in depositing the funds.

Six financial institutions were initially identified to have problems depositing the pay files; however, it was later determined the banking problem affected only four, said DFAS officials. DFAS officials have deter-

mined the cause of the problem rests with the financial institutions.

The four are Global Federal Credit Union, Washington Mutual, SAC FCU and 1st Bank of Aurora.

“The bottom line is everyone’s pay was posted on payday with the exception of one financial institution and those accounts were posted on Aug. 2,” said Cathy Ferguson, DFAS spokesperson. “The financial institutions have indicated there will not be any late fee charges to service members, although if anyone has a specific problem, they should contact their financial institution.”

Ferguson said there was not one problem banking officials could isolate across the system, “therefore, we think it was an anomaly within the bank processing system and that pay should post as it normally does at mid-month.”

Supplements may be prohibited

TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. -- Air Force personnel should be especially careful when shopping for nutritional supplements because they may contain hemp seed oil.

Ingestion of hemp seed oil is against Air Force policy because it may lead to a positive drug test result for marijuana.

"Modifications are being considered for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Program to ban all hemp seed products, not just hemp seed oil," said Lt. Col. Susan Northrup, chief of operational medicine for the Office of the Surgeon General. This is an important clarification because all products made with hemp products may contain the same substances found in marijuana.

Hemp seeds don't contain tetrahydrocannabinol, the euphoria-producing active ingredient in marijuana. So why the concern? Hemp seeds can pick up the chemical after coming into contact with leaves and stems during processing. Products that contain hemp seed oil or hemp seeds, like the Original Organic Hemp Seed Bar, manufactured by Nutiva, are off limits to some Air Force personnel.

All Air Force members should seriously weigh the use of this product, with a known THC contaminant, against the possibility of punishment under Article 92 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

NEWS

7th SOPS welcomes new commander



photo by Clint Wilson

Col. Frank Casserino, 310th Space Group commander, gives command of the 7th Space Operations Squadron to Maj. Kevin Cavanagh in a change of command ceremony Aug. 4.

Staff Sgt. Mary Danner
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Members of the 7th Space Operations Squadron welcomed a new commander during a change of command ceremony Aug. 4.

Maj. Kevin Cavanagh assumed command from Lt. Col. Susan Rhodes, who will join the 310th Space Group as an operations officer.

“Thank you for helping us celebrate this time honored tradition, as I pass command of the 7th Space Operations Squadron to Major Kevin Cavanaugh,” said Rhodes to the assembled crowd of distinguished guests, family and friends at the ceremony. “Kevin, congratulations and God speed as you lead the unit into

the new millennium.”

Cavanagh’s Air Force career began in 1985 when he graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy with a bachelor of science degree. His first assignment after graduation was to the 1025th Satellite Communications Squadron, now the 137th Space Warning Squadron, Holloman Air Force Base, N.M. There, he served as a space systems crew commander, field commander and flight commander in Air Force Space Command’s first mobile missile warning squadron.

Cavanaugh isn’t new to the mission of Schriever Air Force Base. In 1989, Cavanaugh was assigned to the 3rd Satellite Control Squadron, now the 3rd Space Operations

Squadron. The major served as a Defense Satellite Communications System II planner, analyst, ground controller, flight commander and deputy chief of operations training.

In 1992, the major left active duty and continued his military career with the Colorado Air National Guard. He was assigned to the 154th Air Control Group headquarters and served as chief on the Colorado guard Space Transition Team, Space Operations Integration.

Cavanaugh transferred from the guard to the Air Force Reserves in 1997. Under the reserves, he was a Defense Meteorological Support Program crew commander for 7th SOPS. After a year, he transitioned to a full-time Air Reserve technician with the squadron.

“For those of you who don’t know, I had been the operations officer in the 7th SOPS for nearly the past three years. I have to say it has been a real pleasure to work with the talented and professional individuals in the 7th and now I look forward to leading them,” he said.

In addition to his academy education, Cavanaugh earned a master of business administration in management from Golden Gate University, Calif. He also completed Squadron Officer School and is enrolled in Air Command and Staff College.

Cavanaugh’s decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Achievement Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with three oak leaf clusters, the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award and the Combat Readiness Medal.

The 7th SOPS was the first associate reserve squadron activated in Air Force Space Command. The unit supports the 50th Space Wing, augmenting the 1st SOPS.

Phase 5 start delayed until Wednesday

Staff Report
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

Phase 5 is scheduled to start Wednesday, according to Bruce Nyhuis, chief of design, 50th Civil Engineer Squadron.

Due to safety concerns, base personnel, whether in their cars or on foot, are asked to stay out of the construction area at all times.

The north lot paving project, which began mid-June, is a seven phase endeavor scheduled for completion in mid-October.

Off-base road improvements continue

Starting Monday, east- and westbound Platte Avenue traffic will be shifted onto the new detour and intersection, north of existing Platte Avenue.

This detour, between Troy Hill Road and Valley street, will maintain the current traffic volume with traffic lights at Powers Boulevard and two travel lanes in each direction.

Schriever NCO honored for spirit of volunteerism

Staff Sgt. Kate Rust
50th Space Wing Public Affairs

“Hey, I need a couple of volunteers...” This statement, so often heard in military history, is often answered with furtive looks away and sudden, busy activity.

The historical ending is one stalwart soul will step forward and accept, woefully wondering what he has just gotten himself or his team into.

There are always exceptions to that scenario. At least one such exception works at Schriever Air Force Base. Not only does he welcome opportunities to serve as a volunteer, he is inspiring others to follow suit.

Staff Sgt. James Coffey, a 50th Security Forces Squadron flight chief, won the American Legion Spirit of Service Award for Air Force Space Command. He will compete against nominees from the other commands to represent the Air Force, which will be decided by Air Force Personnel Center at Randolph AFB, Texas. The American Legion recently established the Spirit of Service Award to recognize one member from each branch of service for outstanding volunteer service performed off duty in their local communities.

Coffey, who made a permanent change of station to Schriever March 10, was pleased and honored by the recognition and said volunteering has many rewards.

“There (are many) reasons for doing community service,” he said. “I do it because it makes me feel good.”

“We found out about the award July 11 and had the package written for him and turned in two days later,” remarked Senior Master Sgt. Bradley Wilson, 50th SFS operations superintendent. “He made it real easy.”

So how does a person who has only been here five months manage that?

“I got a call from some folks asking for dona-

tions,” said Coffey. “I don’t have a whole lot of money, so I asked them if I could donate my time instead.” They gladly accepted his offer. Seeing there was a “fair amount of work” to be done, he thought it might be a good project for his security forces unit and got them fired up to help. They donated more than 250 man-hours to help the Carousel move into their new facility and reopen to their students on time. Carousel is a local non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback-riding sessions to physically and mentally challenged individuals.

He spends time feeding and housing the homeless at the Marion House soup kitchen and the Habitat for Humanity in downtown Colorado Springs. Coffey is also husband to Jennifer Coffey and father to 10-year-old Jamie, and helps coach his son’s sports teams -- factors not even mentioned in the award citation.

The award does, however, include his remarkable contributions to the community at Misawa Air Base, Japan, where he was stationed prior to Schriever. While there, Coffey put his efforts toward helping the local orphanage through spearheading fundraisers and sponsoring children; teaching law enforcement geared classes at the base elementary school; sorting mail for the post office at Christmas; and so much more.

“Whatever he’s doing it for, it’s not for the notoriety,” said Wilson. “Once ‘wood-hounds’ (those who volunteer primarily as a means to garner awards) get their recognition, they are done. He’s got the award, and he’s still out there baling hay.”

If volunteering makes Coffey feel good, he must have a smile on his face 24-hours-a-day.

“It gives me more pleasure to see other people succeed in whatever it is that they do. If I can be a part of that, then I think it’s worth it,” said Coffey.



photo by Jamie Overson

“Coffey” breaks are hard to come by. Staff Sgt. James Coffey, 50th Security Forces Squadron, takes a breather during the Jack’s Valley deployment in June.

SPORTS

CHAMPIONSHIPS BEGIN



photo by Senior Airman Mary Hinson
Justin Bankert, 2nd Space Operations Squadron, hits the ball during the first day of the championships for the Schriever Air Force Base Intramural Softball league. The 2nd SOPS defeated the 1st SOPS in the double-elimination tournament.

Soccer sensations

Enjoying good weather, sports fanatics prepare for intramurals



photos by Senior Airman Mary Hinson
Pick-up soccer games are held 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the soccer field by the Schriever Air Force Base front gate.

Basketball season

The Schriever Air Force Base Intramural Basketball season tentatively begins Aug. 29.

Anyone interested in participating needs to return the letter of intent by Tuesday.

A coaches meeting is 1 p.m. Aug. 24 in Bldg. 500 in the aerobics room. Team rosters are due by Aug. 24.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Robert Sedberry at the fitness center at Ext. 7-2666 or e-mail the fitness staff at fitnesscenter@schriever.af.mil.

Flag football

The Peterson Air Force Base Fitness and Sports Center will hold a registration meeting for

intramural flag football 12 p.m. Thursday in the fitness center/Health and Wellness Center conference room. Leagues will tentatively begin Sept. 11.

For more information or to register, contact the intramural director at 556-4475.

Soccer tournament

A five-on-five soccer tournament is 10 a.m. Aug. 21-22. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.

If you are interested in entering, e-mail Neil Turcotte at the Schriever Fitness Center no later than Monday.

Aquatics center details

The Peterson Aquatics Center is available for open swim 1-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays and 12-6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Family swim nights are 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The cost is \$1 for children 6 years old and older, and children 5 years old and younger swim free with a paying adult.

Registration for session six swim classes is Wednesday. The class begins Aug. 21.

For more information, call the center at 556-4608.

Bowling center specials

The bowling center is honoring National Relaxation Day Tuesday by offering a special bowl three games but only pay for two.

Bowling instructions are offered 1-4 p.m. Aug. 21. The class is limited to 10 people so call for registration.

An intramural bowling coaches' meeting is 3 p.m. Aug. 25 at the Peterson enlisted club. All team captains and individual members are welcome to attend.

Martial arts

The Yong Jin School of Martial Arts provides free martial arts instruction 12-1 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Joint National Test Facility aerobics room.

Peak of Performance program

The Peak of Performance is an individual, self-monitored fitness program in which military and civil service personnel can earn awards based on the hours or miles they log. Individual fitness incentive logs are available at the front counter of the Schriever Air Force Base Fitness Center and are kept during a one-month period. Requirements are monitored by the fitness center staff, and individuals will be notified when they reach an award level.

- Awards are:
- 80 hours/500 miles: water

- bottle;
- 160 hours/1,000 miles: ball cap;
- 320 hours/1,500 miles: towel; and
- 640 hours/3,000 miles: shirt.

Flying information

Now is a great time to learn to fly. The Rocky Mountain Flight Training Center is offering a deal to new members who join before Sept. 30. Get a \$200 solo flight bonus when initial solo flight is completed within 60 days.

Also, members who attend monthly safety meetings can register to win one of two \$2,500 scholarships. The voucher can be used for flying and instructor fees. Scholarship entry forms can be picked up at the Flight Training Center Hangar 133.

For more information call the center at 556-4310.

Sports briefs

Intramural standings

Softball

Tues/Thursday

	Won	Lost
18th IS/CACS	12	3
50th CES	7	5
2nd SOPS B	7	4
50th MSS	8	8
50th SW	8	4
17th TS	7	6

As of August 9			
50th OSS	4	9	
NOPS	8	8	
310th SG forfeited out			
SWC forfeited out			
Mon/Wed			
	Won	Lost	
2nd SOPS A	16	1	
Det. 11	10	6	

50th CG	10	6
1st SOPS	7	9
3rd SOPS	9	7
50th SFS	10	6
JNTF	7	10
CERES	3	11
50th OGV forfeited out		
4th SOPS forfeited out		

HAPPENINGS

JNTF honors top performers during first award ceremony

TOM MAHR
JOINT NATIONAL TEST Facility Public Affairs

More than 100 people were honored for outstanding performance at the Joint National Test Facility during its first quarterly award ceremony July 31 attended by more than two hundred military, government civilian and contractor employees assigned to the JNTF.

"I consider it an honor to lead this great group of professionals," said Army Col. James Armstrong, JNTF commander during the ceremony. "Today's ceremony is about recognizing some of the great people at the JNTF."

Deborah Vinson, JNTF chief of staff, began the ceremony by introducing the command's fiscal year

2000 third quarter winners.

Officer of the Quarter

Honored in the officer category was Maj. Will Evans, event manager for the command's highly acclaimed Hardware-in-the-Loop Test '00a.



Don Murrell
Senior Civilian of the Quarter

Don Murrell, analysis lead for HWILT '00a, was named the winner in the "senior civilian" category.

The HWILT tests are conducted approximately semi-annually to test operational theater missile defense hardware and software in a controlled engineering environment to identify and recommend fixes to joint interoperability issues.



Maj. Will Evans



Laurie Kuyuk
Junior Civilian of the Quarter

Laurie Kuyk, the JNTF's chief of manpower and personnel was named the winner in the "junior civilian" category for her leadership and commitment to making the manpower and civilian personnel offices customer-focused and friendly.

Program manager of the Quarter

Scott Pillet, head of the JNTF's Environment Delivery Order, was named the winner in the "program manager" category for his management skills which, according to Vinson, "improved the quality of life for everyone at the JNTF."

Schriever Family Album

Congratulations to the newest members of the Schriever Air Force Base family:

Daci Elizabeth, daughter of Master Sgt. James and Danielle Barr, born June 29;

Dalton James, son of Staff Sgt. Todd and Diana Nappe, born June 30;

Sarah Elizabeth, daughter of Staff Sgt. Patrick and Jessica Sena, born July 4;

Christopher, son of Capt. Micheal and Beth Haworth, born July 6;

Andrew Tyler, son of Capt. Stephen and Lonnie Gibson, born July 23.

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will train Air Force health professionals in regional medical expertise, interagency skills, language facility and cultural awareness. This new Air Force career field will focus on specific areas of the world and provide both medical and line leadership with in-depth, common sense recommendations on the use of medical forces in a theater of operations.

"These new skills and experience in planning and exercising regional medical coalition responses internationally will come home as a useful skill in interagency response to homeland defense," Lafon said.


In addition, a trained IHS specialist will be prepared to engage in traditional war-winning plans as well as the more frequent missions of disaster response and humanitarian assistance.

"Our casualty profile changes as the battlefield changes," Ford said. "We are delivering these medically unique Air Force assets to augment wartime operations."

Lafon adds even in the traditional battlefield scenario, the Air Force is recognizing the need for smaller, lighter, leaner, modular medical capabilities that can be deployed in a fraction of the time it took to deploy cold war systems.

No matter what the scenario, the AFMS is working to ensure it is ready to respond, at home or abroad, with the most advanced medical technology and highly trained medical professionals. The bottom line, reminds Ford, "is our ability to save lives."

FYI



**Chaplain's
Corner**

Bible Studies
Various topics every Wednesday
12 p.m., Joint National Test Facility.

**Non-denominational Worship
Services**
Every Thursday, 11:30 a.m., Bldg. 300
auditorium.

NEED TO KNOW

IDS
The Integrated Delivery System is a multidisciplinary team of helping professionals across the Peterson Complex, working collaboratively to provide synergistic preventive services to strengthen our Air Force community and build strong individuals and families.
Some of these agencies include the chaplain, the life skills center, family support, the judge advocate and the youth flight.
IDS training for all Schriever Air Force Base personnel is scheduled from Thursday to Aug. 18 in the Bldg. 300 auditorium. The briefings will begin at 7 a.m. and begin every 90 minutes thereafter, with each briefing lasting approximately 40 minutes.
Between briefings, an information fair will be held with each agency available to answer questions and provide additional information.
The purpose of IDS training is to make Schriever personnel aware of the helping agencies and services available to them

and their families.
Col. Richard Webber, 50th Space Wing commander, has charted the IDS. Each unit will appoint a point of contact for the IDS who will schedule unit training and track attendance.
For more information, contact Maj. John Leitnaker at Ext. 7-7217.
Open house
Schriever Air Force Base will present displays at the Department of Defense Open House Sept. 9 at Peterson AFB.
Scheduled to perform are the Thunderbirds and the U.S. Army Golden Knights Jump Team. Other events include a U.S. Air Force F-15 Eagle flying demonstration and a U.S. Navy F-18 Hornet flying demonstration.
On the flight line, there will be various aircraft, equipment static displays and information displays highlighting the military organizations in the Colorado Springs area.
Watch the Satellite Flyer for details as they become available.

IMPAC training
Training for new IMPAC cardholders and approving officials is scheduled for 8

a.m. Aug. 25 in the 50th Contracting Squadron's conference room, located in Bldg. 500. For more information, or to reserve a seat, send an e-mail to Staff Sgt. Raja Panchal at raja.panchal@schriever.af.mil or Detrice Shields at detrice.shields@schriever.af.mil.
AFSA membership drive
If you would like to join the Air Force Sergeants Association, take advantage of the membership drive Tuesday-Aug. 22 outside the Satellite Dish Dining Facility from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. each day.
One lucky new AFSA member will win a cellular phone and another will win a one-month premium parking spot at Schriever Air Force Base.
The AFSA supports, at a national level, issues effecting active-duty and retired miliary members.
Official travel
Starting Tuesday, commercial airline tickets for official travel must be purchased with a government travel card.
For more information, contact Finance Customer Service at Ext. 7-2009.
COMMUNITY EVENTS
Community activities center
❑ Sit back and enjoy a breath-taking ride up Pikes Peak Monday via the Pikes Peak Highway. Once at the top, you may visit the gift shop, visit the Olympic Memorial or take advantage of the numerous photo opportunities located at the summit.

The price of the trip is \$10 per person and includes transportation and the entrance fee to the Pikes Peak Highway. The bus will leave Peterson Air Force Base at 9 a.m. and will return at 4 p.m.
❑ Take a trip and spend a day shopping in Georgetown, relaxing on the train and touring the silver mine Sept. 6. The trip is a historical journey aboard a steam driven train and is a great history lesson for the entire family.
The trip is \$25 for adults, \$15 for children ages 3-15 and children 2 and under are free. Prices include round trip transportation, the railway and silver mine fees.
This trips starts at 8 a.m. and returns to Peterson AFB at 5:30 p.m.
For details, or to register for either trip, call the community activities center at 556-1733 or stop by the center at Peterson in Bldg. 640.
ITT tickets
The Schriever Air Force Base Information, Tickets and Tours office has the following tickets available:
❑ Ocean Journey, Denver's new aquarium: \$12.95 for adults, \$10.95 for children 13-17 years old and \$5.50 for children 4-12 years old;
❑ Six Flags: buy three tickets and get the fourth one free;
❑ Colorado State Fair, Monday-Sept. 4: \$4 for military weekend (Aug. 19-20), \$6 all other days and \$14 for carnival rides. Tickets will remain on sale at ITT through Aug. 30.
ITT is located in Bldg. 300, Rm. 141. For more information, call Ext. 7-6050.

ITT liquidation sale

Services is clearing stock with a liquidation sale. Prices start at 25 cents. Save on jackets, sweatshirts and sweatpants, T-shirts, waterbottles and more.

The ITT office is located in Bldg. 300, Rm. 141.

Flying Solo

The Flying Solo program is single Schrieverites getting together for trips into the local and outlying areas.

❑ Flying Solo will visit the Denver museum and IMAX theatre Aug. 26. The trip costs \$11 per person, and the deadline for purchasing tickets is Wednesday.

❑ The deadline is today to buy tickets for the Aug. 20 whitewater rafting trip down the Arkansas River. The price is \$30 per person.

ITT is located in Bldg. 300, Rm. 141. For more information, call Laura Runyon at Ext. 7-6050.

Child lures program

Protect the life and dignity of you child. The U.S. Air Force Academy Family Advocacy office is proud to bring the nationally acclaimed Child Lures program, which has been featured on several national level news programs.

The program presents, in age-appropriate terms, 16 of the most common strategies perpetrators use to lure children away from the safety of their caregivers.

Classes are Sept. 26-28 in Bldg. 6248. To reserve your seat, or for more information, call 333-5271/5270.

AROUND TOWN

Film premiere

Pillar of Fire Productions, an interna-

tionally staffed independent production company specializing in micro-budget documentaries and features, announces the world premiere of its first documentary feature, "We were in it, too!: American-Jewish Women Veterans Remember World War II," at the Denver Jewish Film Festival Aug. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

The documentary records the war experiences of eight American-Jewish women who volunteered for military service in various branches of the U.S. Armed Forces between 1941 and 1945. This work serves as a tribute to all American women who served under adverse and dangerous conditions in order to make their contribution to the fight against fascism. Jewish news organizations were not only aware of, but openly disseminated information on the plight of European Jews.

On-camera interviews are supported by archival material, some of which has never been applied to such a feature. The program also offers 35-millimeter footage from some of the better-known newsreels of the time, including one series directed by Frank Capra, director of "It's a Wonderful Life."

Special attention is paid to the role of medical professionals in the military and to women who recount their experiences with German civilians and prisoners of war.

The film's producer and director, Debora Duerksen, will be present at the screening to field questions from the audience.

For more information, contact Brit Withey of the Denver Film Society at (303) 595-3456 or by e-mail at Bwithey@dever-film.org.

Jazz in the Park

Free concerts, sponsored by the Pikes Peak Jazz and Swing Society, are held each

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Jazz in the Park features a different band, featuring regional artists, at a different park each week. The evening concerts are scheduled through Sept. 6. For more information about upcoming concerts, contact Dale Abernathy at dale.abernathy@schriever.af.mil.

Commuters

Commuters are needed from the Fort Carson and Southgate regions to Schriever. Information on commuting to Schriever can be found on the Schriever commuter Web page located at <http://inside/schrievertrans/index2.htm>. The page provides access to Ridefinders, Van&Bus and the Park'n Pool bulletin boards. For more information, contact Richard Schulte at Ext. 7-4304.

CAREER ENHANCEMENT

NCOPDS

The next Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Seminar will be Aug. 23-24. The course is designed for those junior NCOs who have not had some form of professional military education for at least a year. Junior NCOs who would like to attend and lend their experience and knowledge to the forum are always welcome. Staff sergeant selects are occasionally allowed, if the supervisor thinks it would be beneficial to that person. To sign up for the seminar, send an e-mail to jay.cannon@schriever.af.mil

APDS

The next Airman Professional Development Seminar will be Thursday-

Aug. 18. The course is designed for senior airmen and below who have not attended Airman Leadership School. The course covers leadership, mentorship, counseling, teamwork, finances, stress/time management, officer training school, enlisted evaluation system and career planning.

To sign up for the seminar, send an e-mail to amy.coffman@schriever.af.mil.

Job opening in 50th SW/XP

The 50th Space Wing Plans and Programs office has positions available immediately and others available in early 2001. They are seeking potential applicants in most wing Air Force Specialty Codes, ranging in rank from technical sergeant to major.

For more information on specific jobs and eligibility, contact Maj. Greg Gecowets at Ext. 7-2659.

National Guard Assignments

Vacancies exist within the Massachusetts Air National Guard for Palace Chase/Palace Front Assignments.

Serve part-time, one weekend a month and two weeks a year in Massachusetts. They offer 100 percent free college tuition with the Montgomery G.I. Bill.

Many vacancies exist and retraining is authorized. Call Master Sgt. Pete Gorman at DSN 256-7467.

Attention all Chiefs

The Air Force Personnel Center Chiefs Group, in cooperation with Air Force Materiel Command, os seeking volunteers for the chief master sergeant position at the Air Armament Center, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., reporting no later than Nov. 15, 2000.

For information, contact the Military Personnel Flight Customer Service desk at Ext. 7-5900.